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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 932-1905/MA-009526

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the NMFS Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program (MMHSRP), Silver Spring, MD (Responsible Party, Teri Rowles, Ph.D., D.V.M.) has been issued a minor amendment to Scientific Research and Enhancement Permit No. 932-1905/MA-009562.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)427-8401; fax (301)713-0376.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Jennifer Skidmore, (301)427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 932-1905/MA-009526, issued on June 30, 2009, (74 FR 37425) authorizes the MMHSRP to: (1) carry out response, rescue, rehabilitation, and release of threatened and

endangered marine mammals under NMFS jurisdiction in the U.S.; (2) conduct health-related scientific research studies on marine mammals and marine mammal parts under NMFS jurisdiction; (3) conduct Level B harassment on marine mammals under NMFS and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) jurisdiction incidental to MMHSRP activities; (4) collect, salvage, receive, possess, transfer, import, export, analyze, and curate marine mammal specimens under NMFS jurisdiction; and (5) salvage (from dead stranded animals), receive, possess, transfer, import, export, analyze, and curate marine mammal specimens under USFWS jurisdiction. The minor amendment (No. 932-1905-01/MA-009526-1) extends the duration of the permit through June 30, 2015.

Dated: July 15, 2014.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.

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